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2007 Report and 2009-10 Update by Jessica Van Buren, Utah State Law Library

OFFICIAL STATUS  No change since the 2007 report	AUTHENTICATION  No change since the 2007 report
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Utah's online administrative rules publications explain in detail their *official* status. Of two online versions of the state statutory compilation, one is expressly *official*. The other has *official* characteristics, without stating it is *official*.
Online versions of the Utah Administrative Code, Utah State Bulletin, and Utah Code are official. The Utah session laws and appellate opinions are not considered official.

Utah is not specifically addressing the authentication of online legal resources.
Computer-based authentication methods are not being considered at this time. The effect of 2006 legislation mandating permanent public access to state publications on the Web has not been assessed. UTAH CODE ANN. §§ 9-7-101, -203, and -207 to -209.

Has the state eliminated the print publication of any of these titles in favor of online only since the 2007 report? The *Utah Administrative Code* is available for free on the Division of Administrative Rules website (at <http://www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/code.htm>). The website specifically states that the electronic version is the *official* publication, updated monthly. There is no longer an *official* print *Utah Administrative Code*. A print unofficial code is published by LexisNexis, which is mentioned on the website. The responsibility of the Division of Administrative Rules for publishing the administrative code is set forth in the Utah statutes. UTAH CODE ANN. §§ 63G-3-402(e), 63G-3-403, 63G-3-701, and 63G-3-702.

Has the state enacted legislation guaranteeing the public's permanent access to state online government information since the 2007 report? The Utah State Library Division has projects providing permanent public access to born-digital Utah government publications and State of Utah websites. It also successfully sought an amendment to the Utah Library Law (UTAH CODE ANN. §§ 9-7-101 to -511), specifically providing for the long term access to digital state publications.

Effective May 1, 2006, the State Library Division is required to “manage and maintain an online, web-accessible digital library for state publications” (at <http://publications.utah.gov>) and “provide for permanent public access to the publications.” State agencies posting a digital version of a state publication to its public website may not remove the publication “until a copy is deposited into the digital library for permanent public access.” UTAH CODE ANN. § 9-7-208. According to the established statutory definitions, the state publications covered by the legislation include laws, legislative bills, registers, rules, and statutes, among other materials published by state agencies and political subdivisions. UTAH CODE ANN. § 9-7-101(7)(a).

Have courts in your state adopted a medium neutral citation system since the 2007 report? Utah has a public domain citation system for cases after December 31, 1998. *See* Utah Supreme Court Standing Order No. 4 (effective January 18, 2000).

Have there been any other significant changes to the 2007 state summary? No other significant changes have been made since the 2007 state summary.